Amendment and Response
Applicant: Travis J. Parry
Serial No.: 09/989,340
Filed: November 20, 2001
Docket No.: 10012807-1
Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DISTRIBUTING PRINT JOB

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add new claim 21.

Please amend claims 1, 11, and 16 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of distributing print job data from an e-mail enabled printer, said print job data comprising data to be printed by the e-mail enabled printer, and said e-mail enabled printer capable of creating and sending e-mails, said method comprising:

       retrieving said print job data from a memory of said e-mail enabled printer;

       attaching said print job data to an e-mail created by said e-mail enabled printer;

       sending said e-mail and said print job data from said e-mail enabled printer to an e-mail enabled device; and

       storing said print job data in a job retention memory of said e-mail enabled device.

2. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said retrieving said print job data from said memory of said e-mail enabled printer comprises retrieving said print job data from a job retention memory of said e-mail enabled printer.

3. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said retrieving said print job data from said memory of said e-mail enabled printer is initiated using a device in communication with said e-mail enabled printer.

4. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 3, wherein said device in communication with said e-mail enabled printer includes a network device selected from a group consisting of a workstation, an e-mail enabled printer, and an e-mail server.

5. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, further comprising:

       creating an e-mail for attaching said print job data to, said e-mail including an e-mail address.

2

6. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 5, wherein said creating said e-mail for attaching said print job data to comprises:

    providing a list of available e-mail addresses;

    selecting at least one of said available e-mail addresses; and

    creating an e-mail addressed to each of said selected at least one available e-mail addresses.

7. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 6, wherein said providing said list of available e-mail addresses comprises:

    retrieving a list of stored e-mail addresses from a memory of said e-mail enabled printer; and

    displaying said list of stored e-mail addresses for selection.

8. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 5, wherein said creating said e-mail for attaching said print job data to comprises:

    retrieving at least one e-mail address entered by a user; and

    creating an e-mail addressed to said at least one e-mail address entered by said user.

9. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said attaching said print job data to said e-mail created by said e-mail enabled printer comprises attaching said print job data to an e-mail addressed to at least one designated e-mail address.

10. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said sending said e-mail and said print job data to said e-mail enabled device comprises sending said e-mail and said print job data from said e-mail enabled printer to a network device selected from the group consisting of a workstation, an e-mail enabled printer, and an e-mail server.

11. (Currently Amended) A method of distributing a print job, comprising:

    storing one or more print jobs in a memory of an e-mail enabled printer, each of said print jobs comprising data to be printed by the e-mail enabled printer, and said e-mail enabled printer capable of creating and sending e-mails;

3

selecting at least one of said one or more print jobs stored in said memory of said e-mail enabled printer for distribution;

creating an e-mail with said e-mail enabled printer;

attaching said data of said selected at least one print job to said e-mail; and

sending said e-mail from said e-mail enabled printer for distributing said data of said selected at least one print job.

12. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 11, wherein storing one or more print jobs in said memory of said e-mail enabled printer comprises:

sending a print job to said e-mail enabled printer;

receiving said sent print job at said e-mail enabled printer; and

storing said print job in a job retention memory of said e-mail enabled printer.

13. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 11, wherein said creating said e-mail comprises:

retrieving a list of available e-mail addresses from said memory of said e-mail enabled printer;

selecting at least one e-mail address from said retrieved list of available e-mail addresses; and

addressing an e-mail with said selected at least one e-mail address.

14. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 11, wherein said creating said e-mail comprises:

entering at least one e-mail address into said e-mail enabled printer using a control panel of said e-mail enabled printer; and

addressing an e-mail with said at least one entered e-mail address.

15. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 11, wherein said selecting at least one of said one or more print jobs stored in said memory of said e-mail enabled printer for distribution comprises:

retrieving a list of print jobs stored in said memory of said e-mail enabled printer from

4

said memory;

    displaying said list of print jobs stored in said memory;

    providing a control panel for selecting at least one of said print jobs in said list of print jobs; and

    selecting at least one of said print jobs using said control panel.

16. (Currently Amended) A system for distributing a print job, comprising:

    a network; and

    at least one e-mail enabled printer for communicating over said network, said e-mail enabled printer <u>capable of creating and sending e-mails and</u> comprising at least one microprocessor for operating said e-mail enabled printer, ~~including translating data of said print job into an image format for printing by said e-mail enabled printer and attaching said data of said print job to an e-mail~~; a display device for displaying said print job; and a job retention memory for storing ~~said~~ data of said print job for distribution,

    <u>wherein said at least one microprocessor of said e-mail enabled printer is configured to translate said data of said print job into an image format for printing by said e-mail enabled printer, and is configured to create an e-mail, attach said data of said print job to said e-mail, and send said e-mail and said data of said print job to an e-mail enabled device.</u>

17. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 16, wherein said e-mail enabled printer further comprises a control panel for selecting said print job from one or more print jobs displayed on said display device.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 16, wherein said e-mail enabled printer further comprises at least one list of e-mail addresses for displaying on said display device.

20. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 16, further comprising:

    an Internet connection for communicating with said network;

5

an e-mail server for communicating with said network; and

at least one workstation for communication with said network.

21. (New) A method of distributing print job data from an e-mail enabled printer, said print job data comprising data to be printed by the e-mail enabled printer, said method comprising:

connecting said e-mail enabled printer to a network;

retrieving said print job data from a memory of said e-mail enabled printer using a network device in communication with said e-mail enabled printer via said network;

attaching said print job data to an e-mail;

sending said e-mail and said print job data from said e-mail enabled printer to an e-mail enabled device; and

storing said print job data in a job retention memory of said e-mail enabled device.

6